

Expose 45 K9

Don't bring Yourself Down To Sowing And Reaping

This is Expose 247 where we scream Behold! The Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. Here we try to take your eyes off all those drama and activities and refocus it on Christ, which is the main personality. That is what we've been doing.

And so for the person that just join, and was just new and was asking question what is this all about? And you just join when (in) the episode of "Has your pastor earn the right to raise an offering?" We want to let you know that we have other episodes like "Stop pointless giving" Will God bless you according to the amount that you give?" Then we have "Talk tough and cut the supply chain." And if you find that one very good enough, you might need to go back and listen to the Knock Out series on "Timing and season," "When is God visiting?" "Shunt the Queue and have your miracle now" and likes like that.

And if you find that educative enough, you might want to binge on the prodigal Father series, like about twenty seven episodes. So there is a lot to learn.

So we are going to continue today in the seamless tradition of allowing the Word to do what the Word alone can do. So we are trusting God today that we are going to knock out and blow off some bundle of lies and half-truth about giving again. Yes I say giving again, sowing, reaping and all the likes. Is that so?

Yeah that is it!

Viewers all over the world, don't forget the vision behind this Knock Out series. And the vision remains that we've actually kick started the vision from Colossians Chapter 2 verse 8 that says don't allow anyone to cheat you of your benefits in Christ through philosophies and vain traditions of men. So what that simply means is there are some things you listen to, there are mentality that you subscribe to that deprives you of the benefits you have in Christ Jesus. And those are the very things we are knocking out on this series.

And we've been on this knock out series on giving for quite some time. And we are going to make progress with that today. I think she has already talked about those previous episodes, so I don't want to go back there again.

Now we've been going through this giving series, and we've been looking at what the Word of the Lord really says as oppose to what men's traditions teaches us. And today am going to kick start with the book of Luke Chapter 12.

Now people are asking the question, **what about the law of sowing and reaping?** Because we've actually talked about the fact that the only reason why you are blessed is because of the poverty of Christ. 2Corinthians chapter 8 verse 9 says for you know the grace of our Lord Jesus that even though he was rich yet for your sake Christ became poor so that you through his poverty might become rich.

So over the past three episodes we've established the fact that the benefits of God in your life is only dependent on the exchange that happens between you and Christ. And it has nothing to do with your giving.

And people begin to ask the question, **what about the law of sowing and reaping? What about the fact that Jesus said give, it shall be given unto you? Where did we place that?** And we say well, let the Word of God explain itself, let us not read our creed, our greed into his creed. Let his Word explain itself. So today we are going to look at the very concept of sowing and reaping and see what Jesus actually taught about sowing and reaping and what is the kingdom perspective on the law of sowing and reaping?

Now follow us to Luke Chapter 12, I will read from verse 24

Now we are going to look at scriptures, and then we are going to do a lot of exegesis today.

Luke 12:24

It says

“Consider the Ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?”

Consider the Ravens,

This is Jesus teaching, if you have a Bible that is mark in red they will put these words in red to actually signify this is the very teaching of Jesus. This is not some apostolic revelation. This is Jesus himself teaching the word in the book of Luke 12:24.

And he says consider, think about it, meditate upon the Ravens

And he says what?

For they don't sow nor reap

Now it's very important that Jesus actually out of all the possibilities of birds that Jesus can actually choose as an example. I mean for those who do anything about birds or species of birds (Zoology). Am not an expert in this area, but am assuming there will probably be hundreds if not thousands of bird species all over the world.

And now Jesus was going to give us a teaching about the law of sowing and reaping. And he was going to use a bird, that specifically the choice of Jesus is very important. He's chosen to use a Raven.

Now if you read Mathew gospel, Mathew just says a bird. In general the fowl of the air. But thank God for Dr. Luke who actually told us that it is not just about the fowl of the air that Jesus referred to. Jesus was specifically referring to the Ravens.

Now don't forget the fact that the Ravens are the bird with a very very terrible habit. Now because the Ravens... In fact, the Bible talks about when false Ministers of the gospel come to merchandized the body of Christ. The Apostle called them Ravenous beast. The word Ravenous talks about a bird, in fact if you read Wikipedia about the Ravens, it will simply tell you that Ravens are actually what we call predators. They are opportunist birds. What they do is they are omnivous, they eat both plant and animals. But not just that, they actually prey on other birds. They are predators.

Now one thing about Ravens is that they are so terrible, that a Raven is so stingy and so selfish that when a Raven actually catches food. It will not even give to his own young. That is how bad the reputation of Ravens are.

Now Jesus was going to teach us about the principle of sowing and reaping, and the only bird that Jesus could actually figure out to use was a Raven. That is quite mind blowing.

Now let's talk about this,

He says consider the Raven, think about the Raven.

He said the Ravens actually don't sow or reap. And he says, they are not busy working the sowing and reaping principle. But he said watch this! He said they don't even a store house, they don't have a barn. They don't have a place they can actually hide away everything they actually gathering so that they can actually... At least you know in this case Jesus refers to hiding up in the bank as a principle of sowing. Because if you are actually saving up, that is like sowing so that you can reap in the time of tensions. So you can reap back in the time of trouble.

Jesus said the Ravens don't sow, and of course they don't reap and they have no barn to keep the things, they have no store house. But he said yet... that is the word! That is the word!! That is the word!!!

He said **and God feeds them.**

So He says the Ravens, now the reason why I said and God feeds them is because don't forget this bird don't even deserve the favour of God. Don't forget they are Ravens. They are not even Sparrows, they are not even Doves. I mean these are Ravens. If any bird doesn't deserve God's favour, if there is a bird that doesn't deserve the mercy of God, they are the Ravens. And Jesus use that example to show you and I that see, what these birds are getting is what they don't deserve.

Now going down to even their behavior as a bird. They are badly behaved birds. They don't even have good manners. They have bad reputations as birds. But Jesus said yet despite the fact that these birds don't operate the law of sowing and reaping, they are fed by the heavenly Father.

Now that tells you that Jesus is making a very foundational and critical statement here to simply say God operates much higher than the law of sowing and reaping. I repeat, Jesus is not even actually not acknowledging that sowing and reaping doesn't exist. Can you see that?

The reason why Jesus said they don't operate sowing and reaping is because sowing and reaping as a concept does exist. As a principle sowing and reaping exists, there is no doubt about that. Jesus is not disputing the fact that sowing and reaping doesn't exist. But Jesus Christ said even the Father in heaven relates with the Ravens much more beyond the law of sowing and reaping.

Now please lay your hands on there, and hold on to that before we go into other verses.

I understand now, before you actually... before you cut me in what am saying. I understand that there are so many scriptures that talks about sowing and reaping both in the Old Testament and in New Testament. We are going to come to that, just hold on. We are going to come back to those verses.

But Jesus is simply saying that Father in heaven can operate higher principle beyond the law of sowing and reaping which makes the Raven gets what they don't deserve. And that is what we've laid. And now let's go on again, and see what this law of sowing and reaping how the Father sees it.

Now Luke 19 again. We are going to look at Luke Chapter 19.

Now before I go to Luke 19 please. You see there is something that comes to heart in this particular Luke 12 and I want you to take note.

You see when Jesus was teaching this thing about the Ravens not sowing and not reaping, Jesus said something before then. You see if you look at the verse 22, verse 23. It was an expose that Jesus was given about the issue of not worrying about what you are going to eat and what you are going to drink. And he says your heavenly Father knows you have need of those things.

And I think we need to go into it so that people can understand where it comes in.

Ok you can read that from verse 22.

Luke 12:22

“22. And he said unto his disciples, therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on.

23. The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment.”

And he said unto his disciples,

Ok

Therefore I say unto you,

Ok

Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body what ye shall put on. The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment.

Now so simply Jesus connect the teaching about worry and anxiety. He connects it to law of sowing and reaping. He said the reason why people are worrying and they are walk up to death about how tomorrow is going to happen to them is because people believe that they should only get what they deserve. And that is why people are walk up to death.

That is why Jesus connects this issue about Raven actually being able to benefit from the Father not based on the law of sowing and reaping. Jesus is saying, well the reason why those birds don't worry is because they don't have to depend on the law of sowing and reaping.

So the reason then why people are walk up with anxiety, why people are actually worried up is simply because people have subjected themselves to the law of sowing and reaping. That is the why the law of sowing and reaping concept comes up right in the same Luke chapter 12 verse 22.

Now let's go quickly to Luke 19 and see again this principle of sowing and reaping. And we want to see how you know Jesus actually teaches this.

Luke 19 I am going to read from verse 21 if you can read that please.

What does it say then?

We can read it from verse 15. You can read from there.

15. And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.

Now it means Jesus was giving a parable here. Now let's watch out the mystery of what Christ will actually reveal through this parable. And don't forget every time a parable is spoken, is because Jesus wants to reveal a mystery of the kingdom by using natural story.

So let's see what Christ has to reveal through this parable. And of course if you were with us in our last series, you will understand every time Christ gives a parable, in most cases those parables were triggered by an event in the natural. And unless we looked at the event in the natural that triggered the parable we might not get the whole point of the parable.

Now please I want you to read that thing what actually happen in the natural. And that's going to be... We can start from verse 12 so that people can understand.

Even before you read from verse 12, I mean something actually did happen in the natural. Look at verse 8. What happened was what triggered the parable of Jesus, look at verse 8 please.

Luke 19:8 what does it says?

8. And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord: Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.

9. And Jesus said unto him, this day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham.

10. For the son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

11. And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear.

And as they heard these things,

Now watch that! As they heard these things. Some people heard what Jesus said about the fact that well, salvation has come to Zacchaeus and some people heard what Jesus said.

Now see how they reacted.

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Ok. Go on please

Verse 12

Now watch this.

12. He said therefore, a certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.

13. And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, occupy till I come.

14. But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, we will not have this man to reign over us.

15. And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.

16. Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds.

17. And he said unto him, well thou good servant: because thou has been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities.

18. And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds.

19. And he said likewise to him, be thou also over five cities.

20. And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin.

21. For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow.

Now please before you carry on, now this servant who actually did not profit with the pound that he was given or with the talents that he was given. He laid an accusation against the Master. And he said the reason I've done nothing with what you given me is because I found out you seem to be operating a different principle. An austere man! You are an austere man. You are a hard task master. And he says you are operating a different principle from the conventional principle.

Now watch what he accused the Master of. He accused him of trying to reap what he did not sow. Now that is very important!

Now because this particular servant was offended because he felt the Master wasn't operating the principle that is well known. He said the reason I've refused to do anything with what you've given me is because am offended by your system. In your system I found out that you actually, you will want to reap where you have not sown or what you have not sown. And that is what he did say to the master.

Now again, we see this situation happen. Now see what the Master told him. See what he told him. What did he say?

Verse 22

And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow:

The Master admitted the fact that ok, I appreciate that you know my principle. I appreciate that you actually know how I operate. I understand that. I appreciate that you know. Now it means the Master refused to dispute the principle by which he operates. He said I know that you know this and I appreciate that you know this. So what he did he say next?

23. Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury?

Now givest not thou my money to the bank

Ok

that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury?

With Interest, a return on investment.

Now watch this, it means from what the Master said. There are two principle at work. The Master said even simply based on the fact that you know I like to reap where I did not sow. You could... if you notice he actually contrasted a different principle to his own principle. He said at least you could have put the money in the bank, and then could have been return on investment.

At least in the worst case scenario you could have even left my principle and operate the basic principle of sowing and reaping so that there could have been a return on my investment.

Now the reason I said that is because this shows us the Master has a different principle that the servants acknowledged. But at least the Master said if you couldn't even operate in my principle of reaping where we did not sow. You could have at least have come down to the most natural basic principle.

Now listen the law of sowing and reaping is a fundamental principle of life. The law of sowing and reaping is the system by which this world operates. Think about it, have you noticed that the world system we are in at the moment, only gives to people based on the level of value that the person has. For example in companies, people get pay salaries in most cases based on how much level of expertise, based on how much education they have, based on how much skills they possess. So the world system rewards people based on how much they put in or how much they put into it. This is how the world system works. And is a natural principle.

But let me say this any way, there are exception to the rule because Ecclesiastes tells us that even the battle is not always to the strong anyway, and it says even food is not always to men who are always wise, why? I mean there are exception even to that principle in the natural realm. But in most cases, in the system of this world, people only get what they deserve. People only get what they actually have the level of competence to retain in their life. And that is why you put money in the bank, it is how much you put in the bank that determines how much interest that comes back to you.

Generally we are in a world system that operates on the principle of sowing and reaping. For example, if you do good to people, you should expect them to do good back to you. For example, if you behave well to people, you expect them to behave well back to you.

Now like I said, it doesn't mean there are no exception, but at least in most cases, the general principle is you do it to me, I will do it to you. That is how the system of the world works. And that is why this Master told the servant you can at least have

operated the basic natural principle of sowing and reaping. You could have put the money in the bank, at least there could have been a return on my investment.

Don't forget that was an austerity principle to the higher principle by which the Master was operating. Now the question you want to ask is, **what principle was the Master operating? What was this servant annoyed about?** Don't forget he was basically annoyed because he thought the Master wasn't operating the law of sowing and reaping.

And if I ask you a question viewers all over the world, let's look at this, what actually happened in this particular parable? Now this parable is so deep and so loaded that it might take lots of series to actually break it down. But I am going to summarize the key things in this parable.

Have you noticed in this parable that what the Master gave them was talents or pounds as the case might be? But watch the exchange that happened. What the Master gave them to actually work with, to invest was actually in terms of talent, in terms of some kind of pound. But see by the time one of them said, I brought to you ten more pounds to what you gave me, see what happened. There was an exchange, the Master gave him to be a ruler over cities.

Now the question is what is the connection between cities and talents? I thought the thing that they actually invested, what he gave them were talents. But by the time they brought back the talents, there was an exchange. What they had were cities.

Now listen it is a mystery of the kingdom. Well Jesus was simply saying that what those servants deserve was what the Master took. And what the Master had (because the Master was a ruler), was what he gave the servants. I will say that again, if you are going to believe in the law of sowing and reaping, God operates by a higher principle. God operates by a deeper principle beyond the principle that we think he does operate in.

And the principle we see in this particular story was, what the servants brought were pounds and talents. But what the Master gave to them was cities. Not even in the same realm of what they were actually investing with. The wisdom in that is to tell you that what we end up getting from the Father is the Father resources not ours.

Now listen, I say that again. That is why the Bible tells us all we need for life and godliness has been given to us through our Lord Jesus Christ (2Peter1:3). Bible tells us that he that knew no sin was made sin for us, so that we can become the righteousness of God in him (2Cor 5:21). What these people deserve for example, I

will ask a question. If you invested in talent, what should you get? You should get talents.

What is the connection between cities and talents? If you invest in cities you should get cities. That is why when people actually....See we are going to come to that very soon. Galatians 6 when he says that talking about sowing and reaping, people use that verse when they simply says you know what, the Bible says he that sows. He said God is not mocked whatever a man sows in that shall he also reap. So they tell you that if you want to reap in pounds this year 2017, you've got to sow in that realm. If you want to reap in dollars you've got to sow in dollars. If you want to actually move up the ladder you've got to sow up. And people talk about all these principles. And the questions you want to ask like I said we are going to come to Galatians 6 very soon.

The question you want to ask is in this place, in this parable. **Does it make any sense that this people were given pounds or were given talents to trade with, but what they got eventually was cities?** It means then what they actually invested with were pounds and talents and what they got were cities. Now the summary, the only way you can understand that is that they got what they did not deserve. That is the point! They got cities. They got cities. They didn't get what they deserve. They got cities.

Now this is the whole mystery of sowing and reaping as far as the kingdom of God is concern. We never get what we deserve. In fact what we are today was what Christ deserve. I'll say that again, everything we are in the kingdom is not what we deserve, is what Christ deserved.

That is why the Bible tells us only Jesus was perfectly obedient. Philippians 2 tells us he was obedient even to the point of the death of the cross (Philippians 2:8). He was perfectly obedient to the fact that he kept all the law to the letter. And if you think you are there, you can keep God's law to the letter. You don't know the demand of God's righteousness. Only Jesus satisfied heaven's demand. And when he did, it was not for himself. He did it for us. Because everything he received of the Father, he transferred over to us. And everything that we deserved, everything that we deserved, everything of the law of consequence of sin and death that we deserved, Christ took it upon himself.

So at the cross we have divine exchange taken place. Where Christ got what we deserved, and where we got what Christ deserved. And that is why the Bible talks in Galatian 3:13 we said it before, he said Christ was made a curse for us, for it is written curse is everyone that is hung on the tree. So when it comes to how the Father relates with us, all we get from the Father is what Christ deserves. And all that Christ got was what we deserved. And that is why Christ had to die on the cross.

So what we are simply saying is when it comes to the Father. The Father is simply telling us, that he operates much higher than the law of sowing and reaping. Which is a natural concept.

Now that is why in this parable, you'll notice that these men were given talents, what they got were actually cities. And the reason why they got that is because the Master was operating higher than the law of sowing and reaping. And that is the reason why the servant was annoyed. That's why he complained to the Master. He said why do you want to operate a law that doesn't make any sense? Why do you want to operate beyond what should be?

And you see one thing that comes to heart in this particular parable. I mean if you are listening there is this, if we don't operate by the principle of the Father. We can downgrade our life to operate by the natural principle. And that is why the Master told him in this parable, at least you could have put my money in the bank. At least if you know you couldn't operate by the principle of the Father, you could have gone the way down and bring everything down and just go down to sowing and reaping.

That is the reason we say this, if you want to operate your life, if you want to walk in your Christian journey where you want to say, Father I want to happen to me how far I can go. That is what we did in a particular series, one of the last two episode where we said does God bless you according to the amount that you give?

Now if you decide to reduced your walk with God to that level. God will operate with you as far as you understand. That is why God will come down to your level. But why will you allow God to come down to your level instead of you upgrading yourself to God's level. That is why the Master told the servant he said you could at least have invested the money in the bank. At least if you know you couldn't operate my principle. You could have just gone down and operate the natural principle.

And that is what we see in this particular series. And you see that is the reason why in Philippians Chapter 4 when the Apostle Paul was going to talk to the Philippians brethren, even though Paul confessed the fact that no other church in all of the churches communicated with Paul as to giving and receiving based on that principle. But when Paul was going to speak back to the Philippians brethren. Paul never said oh Philippians you actually given me so...

In fact Paul said something about the Philippians brethren. Paul said when he was in Thessalonica, when he left Philippi, he said the Philippians brethren were still giving to him even when he was in Thessalonica. Now despite that fact, when Paul was going to declare and pray for them. Paul said in Philippians 4:19 my God shall supply

your need according to his riches. How come Paul did not say to the Philippians brethren because you have given to me I say God bless you based on your giving? Paul never said that. Can you see that?

The Apostle Paul never said to them that I pray God bless you Philippians brethren according to your giving. Even though Paul confessed that no other church communicated with him concerning giving and receiving except the Philippians church. Read Philippians 4. But yet when Paul would pray for them, Paul said I am praying that you will get what you don't deserve. I am praying that my God shall supply your needs according to his own riches, not according to what you give, according to his own riches.

So we see a situation where in this particular parable of Jesus in Luke 19 that we see the Master getting so frustrated with his servant and telling him, well if you don't operate my principle, just go down and operate a lower principle of sowing and reaping.

And we say the same thing to the body of Christ. If we refuse to walk in the full grace of our Lord Jesus, fully knowing that everything we get today as Christians is what Christ deserved. And everything Christ got is what we deserve. If we don't operate by that principle we can bring ourselves down to operate a so much basic natural principle of sowing and reaping. And if you do, what Jesus said in Luke 6 will come to pass in your life. He said it will lead to anxiety, it will lead to worry, because why? It's all based on your performance. You see?

So you are actually bound to be worrisome, you are bound to be under pressure. That is why if you look Luke Chapter 6 Jesus simply said before he talked about that the Ravens don't sow and don't reap and your heavenly Father feeds them. Before that verse He talked about the fact that don't worry about what you will eat or drink.

So the reason why there is so much pressure on people today. For example, the day you actually unable to give in church, the day you cannot actually give your offering you are so scared and you are so actually under pressure wondering how God will favour you throughout the year.

Now that is not kingdom thinking. That is not kingdom reasoning. We've said it before again and again, that the reason why you were able to give is because you understand that you are blessed of God. And that is why Paul told the Corinthians brethren before he taught them on giving. Paul told them you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Before he began to ask them to give in 2Corinthians chapter 8 verse 9. And that is what we see today.

Now lets' go on so....

Oh before you go on, I just hope that our audience could see what I am seeing here. I think you are catching the revelation. Because in Luke 12 and Luke 19 we have both established there, that there is a working principle, the natural working principle of sowing and reaping. Even the Master was not disputing it that there is sowing and reaping.

So definitely some people now are living there life basely, they based their life, they work in on that working principle. If they don't sow, if they don't sow in a particular month. If they do the first fruit, they know they cannot get anything done. Fine we can see you are not the first person doing that. We can see that it has been an age long tradition. Even Jesus said it in Luke 12 that that is what...even the plants, if you put a corn down. That is the world is on that. That is the working principle.

And we now begin to see that there is a higher principle there. Even we saw there contrasted with the Raven, that you can live your life beyond the sowing and reaping. Fine is good if you are comfortable with sowing and reaping. But you can live in a higher way and a better system on the God's principle which is higher than sowing and reaping. You even get in returns. We are not talking about percentage here, we are not talking about folds here, cities against talents... yes!

Is things you cannot even quantified. You can't put it on any scale. You know because you can't put talents, the pounds with cities. How can you give men cities when all you gave them to work with was talents? So that is enviable, because even if you say you are comfortable with sowing and reaping, you just have to think again.

Because if you are sowing and reaping, is still in *folds*. That is why they tell you come and sow you get hundred folds of this blessing, thousands folds and everything. Is still in *folds*. Is still on that same scale.

But now we are telling you that if you go on that higher pedestal, the higher principle of God beyond the sowing and reaping in which He even dealt with the Raven. Now Raven don't deserve God's deserve. Ravens are terrible birds. They don't deserve God's favour.

So you can go beyond the scale of what in the realm. Beyond the realm of what? And that is what we are doing. And is a continuation of what we've been sharing in that Philippians that according to his riches. You know because if you sow according to the money. So If it is according to the naira that you sow, and then when there is devaluation. You know you are in trouble. You know if anything happens to the economy, you are in trouble. If is according to that money, according to their nations,

according to their stability and policy. But according to His riches in glory. Nobody can quantify that, no bank, no board can hold that, according to the glory. That is the level we are encouraging you to.

Because some people felt like we are just antagonizing sowing and reaping. We've established we know that there is sowing and reaping. But we are calling you... is a basic law. How would you want to stay basic? How do you just want to be normal? We are calling you to the extraordinary life.

What about when you cannot perform? That is the problem. You come under pressure. You come under... that is why people are fearful... worry! You worry, you are anxious because why? You subjected yourself... and you see in the kingdom of God, what happens is you see, Romans chapter 8 says something. **For the law of spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death.** One thing that happens is the Bible says the spirit lust against the flesh, and the flesh against the spirit. What happens is, anytime we subject ourselves to a different law, we set aside the grace of God. And that is why Paul said I do not set aside or I do not frustrate the grace of God, if righteousness could be achieved by the law then Christ is dead in vain. It means every time we decide to set aside God's grace, we actually open ourselves to a different system. And that is why so many Christians have subjected themselves and put their life under a principle that says, I must only get in my life what I deserve. And that is a principle that put your life under pressure.

And so we are still reiterating this point again. That means we cannot take the grace of God out of this giving thing. Is still the grace of God. You still have to base... is a grace based giving. You just have to come to that based grace giving. If not, you are going to be drag back to the lower level of sowing and reaping. They drag you back to the Malachi, to the curse life. If you don't have anything to give forth, then you are curse. If you cannot sow then you cannot reap. That is the point. And that is the way.

If you don't want anybody to drag you, that is why you should listen and listen for your future, listen for your life now so that you can come to a higher level beyond that realm. We understand is established is the realm of sowing and reaping. We are not disputing that. Even the Master was not disputing that. No! The Master said you know that I actually I like to reap where I did not sow. You know that! The Master told him.

So we are calling you to a higher level. That is a grace based giving. We are not saying you should not give. Grace based giving... giving in the understanding that the Father operates a higher system, higher above the working principle of man of sowing and reaping. That is why he is God. You know is a normal system is what you give into the system. That is why you have law of karma, you see do good... All those

things. Is just a natural thing. And it has come to the church. The church has reduced themselves to that too. The operating system is the world system now.

If the law of karma works in this case. The Raven should actually go hungry. Yes! He doesn't deserve any of the Father's feeding. The Ravens doesn't deserve it at all. And I think that is the reason Jesus used the bird Raven to show us that even things that don't deserve it they can get what they don't deserve.

So if you want to stay in the sowing and reaping level, that is a shame because you just get in returns of what you sow. And if you cannot perform you are in trouble. Yes! And then you have worry that is the thing. You live a life of worry and anxiety. Year in... you have to sow up and the likes.

But we are calling you to a higher level and see the new system of God here. And that is why we are calling you to the grace based giving. And that is what he said. You know in that Old Testament said if you are willing and obedient. Is just tie to willingness and obedient, then you will eat the good of the land.

You know we have Christ now, who has the perfect obedience. We can reap the reward of his perfect obedience. Christ was the one that obey perfectly and you get the benefit of it. And that is why he said I called you to actually enjoy the rewards of other men's labour. And that is what he said in the gospel.

So you don't stay at that level of sowing and reaping. Come higher to the grace based giving and knowing that God gives beyond what you can sow, in the realms, and the scale beyond what you can sow.

I mean we'll say something that is very important before we go to the next few verses. You know that is why James chapter One said something, he said if anybody lack wisdom, let him ask from God who gives liberally without finding fault (James 1:5). Can you see that? Let him ask from God that gives liberally without finding fault. It then again shows us a God who gives men what they don't deserve.

And that is... it means then every time God relates with us. Now I think the confusion for so many Christians is because we forgotten the fact that we operate two different systems at the same time.

You see there is connection between us and God, and a connection between us and this current world where we live because we are humans. Now even though Bible says we are spirit, soul and body and Bible says that God is a Father of spirit. And the Bible says our spirit bear witness with the Holy Spirit that we are sons of God, and the

Bible says they that worship God must worship God in spirit and in truth. But also in the natural realm, we relate with men on this level.

And we've forgotten the fact that when it comes to relating with the Father, the law of sowing and reaping doesn't work with the Father. How did I know that? Jesus said categorically in that Luke chapter 6, he said even the Ravens who don't sow or reap he said the Father feeds them. He said, now, there is a place where Jesus Christ compared us to a sparrow. He said are you not of much more value than birds? If God could relate with birds beyond the law of sowing and reaping, how would God then bring himself down to operate with you who has more value than birds? And God says well with man I will just stick to sowing and reaping. Did you get that? As long as it comes to the Father, sowing and reaping doesn't work with God. And that is what you need to know. Anytime you give your offering. Every time you give your offering in the New Testament. Sowing and reaping doesn't work with the Father.

Of course sowing and reaping work with men in the horizontal. It means for example in the world we are in, people only understand sowing and reaping but not with the Father.

And you see, you cannot extrapolate your daily experience unto God where you think the more I perform, the more God will love me more. And the less I perform the less God will love me. It doesn't operate with the Father, because the Father only looks at you through the lens of Jesus Christ.

And if the Father will reject Christ that is the only basis of rejecting you. And that is why the Bible says anytime we pray we should pray in the name of Jesus. Not in your name. Not in your performance. Is not just about chanting name. When the Bible say pray in the name of Jesus. Is not about chanting in Jesus name, in Jesus name.

In fact, I mean we've talked about the time when Paul did asked demon to come out in that lady, and Paul never said in Jesus name. In fact there are time prayers in the Bible where they don't say in Jesus name. Is not about chanting the name of Jesus. Is about are you standing in the place of Christ? Are you telling the Father, if you cannot reject Christ, you can't reject me. Why? Because the Bible says if anyone is Christ.

Can you see that? If anyone is in Christ... I know we quote that verse, we say if anybody is in Christ is a new creation, do you know what that means? It means you are in Christ. You are inside Christ. So when the Father looks at you, all He can see is Christ. That is the basis of getting anything from the Father.

So let's summarize this, sowing and reaping doesn't work vertically to God. Because all we get, in the New Testament, all we get is what Christ deserve. So when the

Father looks at us, all he can see is Christ. And don't forget he has said, this is my beloved son in whom am well pleased. Christ is accepted by the Father already.

So if you are in Christ, you are accepted. **God doesn't love you any more when you do the right thing and God doesn't love you any less when you do the wrong thing.**

I think I need to alight that again, **in the New Covenant, in the blood of Jesus. God doesn't love you anymore when you do the right thing neither does God love you any less if you do the wrong thing.**

Now let's say this, so that you don't get this twisted. It simply means, when it comes to sowing and reaping. Is not about God. Of course if you do the wrong thing you'll pay for it. Consequences! The consequences are there.

That is why if you were with us some weeks ago under Expose Prodigal Father Series where we talked about the...when the younger son wasted his resources in a far away country. There are consequences! When he did that, he began to eat with the pigs. He paid the price.

You see a son of a man who has so much inheritance. That is Luke Chapter 15. His Father was so wealthy, but because of his wrong choices and wrong decisions in Luke 15. Because of his wrong choices and all that, you see what happened to him. Eventually he did what? He actually began to eat with the pigs. So it means there were consequences.

But sowing and reaping only happen horizontally. How did I know that? Because after he did all that he did, the Father was still waiting for him. I think is Luke 15. The Father was still waiting for him to come back home even after all he did. It means then sowing and reaping doesn't work with the Father. It only works on this plane. And I think the earlier we understand that, we will stop being actually living below the standard where God has put us in. And that is what we've noticed.

And now so what we've established is, of course sowing and reaping exists, of course it works! But also of course...it was little...

You can see that from that story that Luke 19 it was like he could have gotten little from it. He's already established it that there is very little no matter what the folds and percentage it is, is still little compare to what the Father can give. He said if you have given this one talents, if you have given it to banks, if you have sold it at least you would have reaped something out of it. Just something. You would have reap a little.

Well you know it was little no matter what you give, no matter what you are excited about, no matter what the percentage you are thinking about. For sowing and reaping is still very little compare to what God is offering by his grace. What the Father has to offer by his grace.

And you see if you were with us one thing we've actually tried to established for our listeners is simple that, in the New Covenant when it comes to giving. We give because we know we have received. Have you notice Jesus said to his disciples freely you have received, freely give. Our giving is based on the understanding that God has blessed us with all spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Now Luke Chapter 6, we are going to continue with this law of sowing and reaping. Luke Chapter 6. And we'll see the depth of the Word we need to look at there.

If we look at Luke chapter 6, I think we should read from verse thirty-one. Again we are going to look at this from a different perspective. What does it says?

Luke 6:30-32

30. "Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again.

If anybody asketh from you don't ask them again. Go on.

31. And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

Can you see that? Again! Golden Rule. Again the golden rule.

Now please viewers all over the world, if you are a firm believer in the law of sowing and reaping. Please listen to this verse.

Now watch this let's take this slowly, **as you would want men to do to you not God.** Can you see that? Again even though Jesus was the one teaching here, Jesus said if you want... whatever you want men to do to you, do unto them.

Now God is not in this equation. Now continue please.

Verse 32

32. For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? For sinners also love those that love them.

33. And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? For sinners also do even the same."

Now this again is a bit confusing now if you look at it on the surface. What is Christ trying to actually make us understand here? Jesus is simply saying, do unto others as you want them to do unto you, but watch this! But don't do unto others as they did unto you.

Ok let's take it again.

Now Jesus said do unto others as you want them to do unto you, but don't do unto others as they did unto you. Now I will slow it down again so that we can get it.

Here is sowing and reaping again coming to play. See again, read verse 31. It says

And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

Look at verse 33

And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? For sinners also do even the same."

Jesus said now even though I told you to do good to people as you want them to do to you, but I don't want you... the reason why I said that is not because of sowing and reaping. And I think...

Now we need to slow this down so that we can get it. Because when Jesus said do good unto others as you want them to do unto you. A casual reader will think oh yes, this is karma. Jesus want to explain Karma.

But Jesus almost explain karma and scatter it in the middle.

Now again if you are going to explain karma, this is karma. Do good unto others as you want them to you, and if they do good to you, do good back to them. That would have been a complete karma cycle. But Jesus said I told you to do good to people as you want them to do to you not because I want you to operate law of sowing and reaping. I want you to benefit people the way you want to be treated, but don't go about trying to do good back to people because they did good to you because I will soon tell you to do good to people who do bad things to you. I want you to operate beyond sowing and reaping.

Hello! Because if you noticed if you read the next few verses, he said to them even if they do bad to you, do good to them and he will tell them why they need to do that.

So let's say this straight. Jesus never re-subscribed to the so called karma concept. Sowing and reaping. No! Because that is why I said, when we read the Bible we need to ask for revelation to read between the lines of what Christ is saying.

Christ simply said, don't ever do good to people because they do good to you. If you do that all you have just subjected yourself to is the law of sowing and reaping. And so there is a higher one. He says there is a higher, higher law that says don't repay people who have done good to you just because they were the ones that did good to you and neglect people who didn't do good to you. That is what He is simply saying.

Now continue please?

33. And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? For sinners also do even the same.”

He said if only the people who do good to you are the ones that you do good to, fine you are operating a principle. That is kind of basic. Even the sinners does it. That is a natural law. So what is spiritual about your life? What is divine about your life? If what pastors teach is if you put in money into the coffers and then you get back returns. Please how is that different from doing a money investment? How is that different from what sinners operate? What is the grace of God in that? That is why he said, what is the difference? How is it different from Ponzi scheme and investment?

He says, why will you tell me you are spiritual and those men are carnal? What is the difference? All you've done is live by the same system. But we know that the system of God is incomparable to what Men can offer. That is the reason why we simply say even the best of men in goodness cannot beat the goodness of God.

And you see the way people teach giving today actually reduces God's goodness to the level of men. It brings down, it actually spoils the goodness of God and brings it down to men's level. So he's simply saying, if you pay people back based on what they did to you. (In their own coin). So Christ is simply saying what is the difference between the principle you are living by and the principle sinners live by. What is the effect of the grace of God in your life? That is what He is simply saying. If you are clamoring to operate in sowing and reaping, better understand you are reducing God's grace in your life to the level of sinners.

And later on the verses we could see that God established himself that he has a difference system again. Read Verse 34

Luke 6:34-36

34. And if you lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? For sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again.

Again! Again!! So he said give so that ye can receive. Again! Again! Again!!! Christ is actually scattering the law of sowing and reaping.

Now again listen like we said we are going to come to verses in the New Testament that is about sowing and reaping. So Christ is simply saying if the reason you are giving is because you actually measure up how much you are going to receive. If you do that, well He said what is the effect of God's grace in your life? You are just as good as operating a natural system.

Go on please.

For sinners also lend to sinners to receive as much gain. Bankers, Investment banks. Sinners also do the same. In fact when it comes to politics some people, some sinners what they do is, generally people they can bankroll a candidate knowing fully well that if I bankroll this candidate and this candidate become the next President or the next Prime Minister then I can get my investment back. People do that.

And then it is a thing of shame to see the body of Christ in most cases reduce giving to the same concept and the same mentality. When we bring down giving to the matter of saying you know what? You want God to be able to react to you this year, you want God to move you to the next level, is time to make God reactive by giving something. And if we do that, we've actually brought God down to this same carnal level of doing things. (same system)

Go on please.

35. But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

Ok

Now please what is sowing and reaping in that?

If somebody... Now there is a new... It means please don't go down the route of sowing and reaping.

Now he said, don't do that! Don't ever go down the route. He said, I am just going to ask you to love your enemies, now when he said that, that is amazing because your enemies of course don't deserve to be loved by you. So it means he is saying I am asking you to give to someone what they don't deserve. So somebody is going to reap your love and they never sow love to you.

Now how do you explain such a principle? How do you explain that? If Jesus is telling humans, is telling us to operate by this principle so you think God himself would operate by a lower principle? Common! He can't! Common!

If Jesus is teaching the body of Christ, is teaching you and I in this place, that we should operate by a higher principle, so why is it that the church of God today has brought God down to operate below such a principle?

He even established what he would do.

Ok. What did he say?

But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

Ok

Again we are going back to the Ravens. If you were there when we talked about the Ravens in Luke chapter 12. We talked about the Ravens that they are the worst kind of bird that the Father can feed without sowing and reaping. Even if there is a bird that should sow before reaping is the Raven. They are terrible. But you see the Father feeds them.

And I said Jesus especially made the choice of the Raven so we can understand. And he says, the Father still feed them. So it means the Father feeds a bird that doesn't deserve it. It is the nature of the father. He said the Father's nature is always to give people what they don't deserve.

And He is calling us as children to that. He said live the same way. Live to your true nature. If you are the son of the Father. You should also...don't operate karma, he said don't operate karma cycle. Now that is why I simply said, Jesus never ... because people says oh! Jesus said...

Now how many people talk about give and it shall be given...? We are going to get there very soon. Now Jesus simply said don't operate the karma cycle. Don't do it! Because even as the Father, he doesn't operate it. Can you see that?

Now if you are in doubt today, if you ever been in doubt in your life and you've actually thought that the way God will bless you this year is how much... in fact some people says well my first month salary (first fruit offering) am going to make sure I give it to the Father, I give it to God so that this year I can have God's underserved, can have God's great favour in my destiny, in my life. I am believing God for something great.

Now when you say things like that, this is what you are doing. It is not innocent. What you are simply doing is you are bringing God below this level. You are bringing down

all the way down even below the level that Jesus said we should operate beyond. And that is very disheartening that people do that. Now that is what He says here.

Now he says do this as your Father in heaven does it. (As children of the highest). He said am asking you to live by a revelation of the Father's true nature. Am expecting you to live this way because that is the Father's nature. That is how the Father deals with us.

And we should give according to this, you know we can see the principle of giving here because he even mention it lend, give. You know He is challenging every aspect of life with sowing and reaping, even to giving. Because some people might just say sowing and reaping, sowing kindness, and all those things, sowing of honors, we are talking about even reaping even when you want to give something to someone, lending, the Father is saying do it like me. My nature is that... and when I give I don't even actually give because people deserve it. That is what he said. He said give to the enemy. Give to the evil. For he is kind to the unthankful. Even people that will not be grateful. Even to the...not hoping to get anything back.

That is how the Father... and he is calling us we should be true to ourselves, to our nature. You know I like that word unthankful. It means if somebody tells you that you have not actually praise God enough how do you expect God to bless you that much this year when you have not been so thankful enough for God to bless you?

You see all those things are human traditions. It is not how much... Like we said vertically with the Father, sowing and reaping doesn't work. It only works on this plane.

And that is the reason even if.... I think we need to emphasize this fact. Even though you are Christian, there are some things you do on this realm. If you do wrong things, if you actually engage in wrong actions. There are consequences for what you do. We are not saying there are no consequences. The consequences are not from the Father. They are on this realm. As far as the Father is concern, he gives you what you don't deserve. You know why, Jesus got what you don't deserve and you got what Jesus deserve. And that is the divine exchange.

And that is what I think our audience should know from this, is like we saw the two systems. And basically if you just stay on the level of sowing and reaping, you are not just different from the sinners. So why while you blood washed? That is the thing. What is the effect of the grace of God upon your life because sinners will do the same? They do good to those that do good to them and do bad to those that do bad to

them. The law of agricultural system works that way. What you put on the ground you get back. Natural investment that is how the world is operating.

So what is the difference that you have the life of God? What is the difference that you know the Father? What is the difference that you have the nature of Father in you? And we see the nature of the Father in all of these chapters, Luke 6, Luke 12, and Luke 19 that he gives to the one that doesn't deserve. He gives to the unthankful, he gives to the evil. He brings rain even to the... He does it without...

Now put yourself on the receiving end of the Father. Put yourself... it means what do you need to do to deserve God's favour in your life? Can you see that? The answer is zero. He doesn't give according to sowing. He gave according to himself. It is his nature. He said you must be like your Father in heaven. Can you see that?

So we are encouraging you to move up higher from the level, the basic level, because is just basic. And if you say you are comfortable with it and everything, we have established it before that you even get, all your returns, even the percentage is just on the same level.

You know, is only with Father the generous giver that can give you beyond your level, beyond the scale. You know you can find the scale for it. When you give in pounds, in talents you get cities you know you can't ... there is no comparison for that. You know when you give money, you can get riches according to his glory. That is the level that the Father operates which is higher than sowing and reaping.

So I hope that our viewers today will be able to move away, move into a higher realm and operate in the Father's operating system which is higher than sowing and reaping. Father's nature. Yes that is the father's nature.

And I don't think we can go further.

Ok we can carry on from there.

I think tomorrow by 9am UK time and we will continue on this series because of the time.

So I just hope that our viewers will be able to look back, and go and look back at those chapters, Luke 6, Luke 19 and everything we have said today and to consider it if it were true.

And so today we want to release you and say that you will be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all understanding and in all wisdom.

So tomorrow when we'll see again we'll continue on this and we hope that you will be blessed as you are blessed today.

So bye!!